Amendments

Please amend the above-identified application, as follows:

In the Specification:

Delete paragraphs 2-5 on page 1, lines 11-25 and paragraphs 1-3 on page 2, lines 1-11, and substitute therefor:

"Method, System And Program Products For Managing A Clustered Computing Environment," Novaes et al., (Docket No. POU9-2000-0004-US1), Serial No. 09/583,677, filed May 31, 2000;

"Method, System And Program Products For Providing Clusters Of A Computing Environment," Novaes et al., (Docket No. POU9-2000-0021-US1), Serial No. 09/583,686, filed May 31, 2000;

"Method, System And Program Products For Defining Nodes To A Cluster," Novaes et al., (Docket No. POU9-2000-0011-US1), Serial No. 09/583,582, filed May 31, 2000;

"Method, System And Program Products For Controlling System Traffic Of A Clustered Computing Environment," Novaes et al., (Docket No. POU9-2000-0008-US1), Serial No. 09/583,849, filed May 31, 2000;

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"Method, System And Program Products For Automatically Configuring Clusters Of A Computing Environment," Novaes et al., (Docket No. POU9-2000-0005-US1), Serial No. 09/584,528, filed May 31, 2000;

"Method, System And Program Products For Managing Identifiers Of Components Of A Clustered Environment," Novaes et al., (Docket No. POU9-2000-0007-US1), Serial No. 09/584,935, filed May 31, 2000; and

"Method, System And Program Products For Managing Cluster Configurations," Novaes et al., (Docket No. POU9-2000-0096-US1), Serial No. 09/583,693, filed May 31, 2000.

Delete paragraph 1 on page 64, lines 1-8 and replace with:

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Next, the mapping index for one of the equidistant servers is calculated using a predefined equation, STEP 2408. In particular, for k=0 to the number of equidistant servers-1, the mapping index is equal to the [((node_number)mod(number_of_equidistant_servers)+k) mod(number_of_equidistant_servers)], where mod refers to the module operation defined as the integer remainder of a division operation.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2-3, without prejudice, and add new claims 4-72. All claims are reproduced herein for the Examiner's convenience.